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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for forming a chamber enclosed on five sides adjacent a back surface of an electronic device, the back surface having a height and width and having connections for cables, comprising:

a cover having a horizontal top and having vertical sides extending down from the top, the top and sides having front and back edges defining ~~a~~ opposed front and back ~~opening~~ openings of the cover, the front opening having a height and width about equal to the height and width, respectively, of the electronic device back surface; whereby when the electronic device is supported on a horizontal surface and the cover is positioned on and supported by the horizontal surface adjacent the electronic device back surface, the cover defines a chamber enclosed on the top and sides by at least part of the cover, enclosed on the front by the electronic device back surface and enclosed on the bottom at least in part by the horizontal surface.

2. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the cover back opening has a height and width about equal to the height and width, respectively, of the electronic device back surface.

3. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the cover front and back openings have a height and width selected to telescopically slide over the back surface of the electronic device.

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4. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the cover back opening has a height about equal to the height of the electronic device back surface and has a width less than the width of the electronic device back surface.

5. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~1~~ 3, wherein when the electronic device is supported on a horizontal surface and the cover is positioned on the horizontal surface with a first portion of the cover telescopically positioned over the device and a second portion of the cover adjacent the electronic device back surface, the second portion of the cover defines a chamber enclosed on the top and sides by the second portion of the cover, enclosed on the front by the electronic device back surface and enclosed on the bottom at least in part by the horizontal surface.

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~5~~ 1, further comprising horizontal flanges extending from lower edges of the cover sides, said flanges enclosing a portion of the bottom of the chamber.

7. (Currently amended) An apparatus adapted for use with an electronic device having a width and a height, comprising:

a one piece cable cover having a horizontal top having a depth and a width, the width being about equal to the width of an electronic device, and having vertical sides extending down from the top and having a depth and height, the depth being about equal to the depth of the top and the height being about equal to the height of the electronic device;

whereby when the cable cover is positioned adjacent an electronic device and the electronic device and cable cover are supported on the same generally flat surface, the cable cover encloses at least three sides of a rectangular space closed on five sides and a back surface of the electronic device encloses one side of the rectangular space.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the cable cover comprises a single sheet of material comprising metal formed by bending.

9. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein the sides have upper and lower edges, the upper edge extending from the top, further comprising:
horizontal flanges extending from the lower edges of the sides.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) An electronic device, comprising:
a generally rectangular device housing having a top, bottom, front, back and two sides,
and having connections for cables on the back,
a one piece cable cover having a horizontal top having a depth and a width, the width being at least as great as the width of the top of the electronic device, and having vertical sides extending down from the top and having a height, the height being

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at least as great as the height of the electronic device, the cable cover ~~slidably carried on~~ operable to slide over the top and sides of the device housing and extendable from the back of the device housing to define a least three sides of a chamber behind the device where the back of the device housing defines a fourth side of the chamber.

13. (Original) The electronic device according to Claim 12, wherein the cable cover sides have upper and lower edges, the upper edge extending from the top, further comprising:

horizontal flanges extending from the lower edges of the sides under the bottom of the device housing.

14. (Original) The electronic device according to Claim 13, wherein the horizontal flanges have a first edge extending from the lower edges of the sides and a second edge opposite the first edge, further comprising:

vertical flanges extending upward from the second edges, and

grooves in the bottom of the device housing, the vertical flanges slidably engaging the grooves.

15. (Currently amended) A method for covering cables connected to an electronic device, comprising:

~~forming~~ manually bending a sheet of material into a cover having a horizontal top surface having a width about equal to the width of an electronic device, and having two vertical sides extending downward from the top surface, the sides

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having a height about equal to the height of the electronic device;
positioning the electronic device and the cover on a horizontal surface, with the cover positioned adjacent a back surface of the electronic device such that the cover defines at least three sides of a chamber behind the electronic device and the back surface of the electronic device defines a fourth side of the chamber.

16. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 15 wherein the ~~sheet of~~ material comprises a metal ~~and the cover is formed by bending the sheet.~~

17. (Currently amended) The method of Claim ~~16~~ 15 wherein the sheet of material is transported to the location of the electronic device before bending.

18. (Currently amended) The method of Claim ~~16~~ 15 wherein the cover is formed to have internal dimensions mating with external dimensions of the electronic device,
the cover is slidably attached to the electronic device before the electronic device is transported to a customer premises, and
the cover is positioned adjacent the electronic device by at least partially sliding the cover from the electronic device.

19. (Currently amended) A method for covering cables connected to an electronic device, comprising:

forming manually bending a sheet of material into a cover having a cross sectional shape corresponding to the back surface of an electronic device and having a

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length dimension sufficient to cover wires and cables connected to the back of the electronic device, and

positioning the electronic device and the cover on a horizontal surface, with the cover positioned adjacent a back surface of the electronic device such that the cover defines at least three sides of a chamber behind the electronic device and the back surface of the electronic device defines a fourth side of the chamber.

20. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 19, wherein the material comprises a ~~sheet of metal and the cover is formed by bending the sheet.~~

21. (New) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the cover is not structurally attached to the electronic device.

22. (New) The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the cover is not structurally attached to the electronic device.